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### COURT ANNOUNCEMENT

The United States District Court for the District of Montana is pleased to announce the selection of Mr. John T. Johnston of Butte, Montana, to serve as the next United States magistrate judge in the Great Falls Division. Mr. Johnston was selected from among a highly qualified group of finalists compiled by a Court-appointed Merit Selection Panel. He is currently a partner in the Butte law firm of Joyce, Johnston & MacDonald, PLLP.

Mr. Johnston was born and raised in Butte, and graduated with honors from the University of Montana School of Law in 1988. He began his career with the law firm of Corette, Pohlman & Kebe, where he became a partner before joining his current firm. He is a member of both the Montana Trial Lawyers Association and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. He and his wife Angie have four children.

The District of Montana has three full-time magistrate judge positions, located in Missoula, Billings, and Great Falls. Mr. Johnston will become the fifth magistrate judge to serve on a full-time basis in the Great Falls Division. His appointment takes effect on January 5, 2015. He will succeed current United States Magistrate Judge Keith Strong, who will leave the bench upon expiration of his term on January 4, 2015.